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Dear Mr. Rostenkowski:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of March 2 to our Ambassador to Argentina, The Honorable Robert C. Hill, requesting on behalf of Mr. Guillermo Brzostowski information concerning the disappearance of his brother, Miguel Brzostowski. Congressman Metcalfe has also inquired on behalf of Mr. Brzostowski.

I regret that the Department of State has no information concerning the whereabouts of Miguel Jacobo Brzostowski. Perhaps Ambassador Hill will be able to provide further details.

In the interim, and in view of Mr. Miguel Brzostowski's nationality, you may wish to advise Mr. Guillermo Brzostowski to write to the Argentine Embassy, 1600 New Hampshire Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20009.

The overall problem of human rights in Argentina is distressing. While we recognize the need to control the terrorists who continue to murder businessmen, policemen and military personnel, we are bothered by the excesses which have been committed in the name of counterterrorism.

Our principal objective is, of course, to encourage human rights improvement in Argentina. We have repeatedly urged the Argentine government to restore the rule of law and will continue to do so.

I hope this information will be helpful to you in replying to Mr. Brzostowski.

Sincerely yours,

Douglas J. Bennet, Jr.
Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

The Honorable
Dan Rostenkowski,
House of Representatives.

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